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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 8, 2003 OFFICE ACTION IN UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION NO. 09/950,096

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This responds to the December 8, 2003 Office Action.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's renumbering of claims (first paragraph, page 2 of the Office Action).



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In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement imposed against claims 1-82, as between the six groups of claims set out on page 2 of the Office Action, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims 1-58 of Group I.

The non-elected claims 59-82 are requested to be held in abeyance pending the filing, during the pendency of the present application, of divisional applications directed to the subject matter thereof.

It therefore is requested that examination of this application proceed on the basis of claims 1-58 elected herein.

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